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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

72 dead in Iran Air plane crash: state media

TEHRAN (AFP) - A Boeing 727 airliner with state-run Iran Air crashed on Sunday near a northwestern city in bad weather and broke into pieces, killing at least 72 of the 105 people on board, state media reported.

"The plane crash has killed 72 people and injured 33," Fars news agency reported, quoting the coroner's office of West Azerbaijan province where the plane came down.

Earlier, state news agency IRNA reported that 70 people had been killed in the accident near the city of Orumiyeh.

"Based on information received so far, 70 people have been killed and 32 injured" in the crash, Heydar Heydari, deputy head of the Iranian Red Crescent, told state news agency IRNA.

The Mehr news agency, quoting a senior medical official, also reported that 70 people were killed in the crash.

The plane with the Islamic republic's national carrier crashed near the northwestern city of Orumiyeh at around 7:45 pm (1615 GMT), an official in West Azerbaijan province said, quoted on state television's website.

"The airplane took off an hour later than scheduled time from Tehran towards Orumiyeh and because of bad weather conditions came down in a village area near Orumiyeh," the unidentified official said.

The governor-general of West Azerbaijan, Vahid Jalalzadeh, told state television that "all the bodies and the injured have been transferred to different hospitals in the city" of Orumiyeh.

Giving sketchy details of the crash, Jalalzadeh said the pilot had lost contact with the airport before the airliner disappeared off the radar.

"Then the plane crashed near the village and villagers told the authorities about the crash site. Some passengers were able to get out of the plane themselves, and villagers took several passengers to hospitals," he said.

Gates in China to shore up uneasy military ties

BEIJING (AFP) - US Defense Secretary Robert Gates today embarks on a series of meetings with top Chinese generals in a bid to shore up rocky military relations with Beijing, amid US concern over China's advanced weaponry.

The trip to China by Gates, his first since 2007, comes just days ahead of a crucial visit to Washington by Chinese President Hu Jintao, and both sides are keen to show some progress in defence ties.

The Pentagon chief's meetings begin today with his Chinese counterpart, General

Shot US lawmaker responsive but still critical



This undated handout image courtesy of Giffords For Congress website shows Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

TUCSON, Arizona (AFP) - The US congresswoman shot in the head by a would-be assassin during a shooting spree at an Arizona political event is in a critical condition but showing positive signs, medics said Sunday.

Gabrielle Giffords, 40, was in a medically-induced coma but could respond to basic verbal commands, said doctors at the University of Arizona Medical Center, who were "cautiously optimistic" about her recovery chances.

A nine-year-old girl and a federal judge were among six people killed and at least 14 others were wounded before bystanders at the event in Tucson on Saturday grappled a gunman armed with a 9mm Glock pistol to the ground.

Alleged shooter Jared Loughner, a 22-year-old local resident, was due to appear in court later Sunday to face federal charges, according to FBI chief Robert Mueller.

Giffords was helped by the fact the bullet did not go through both hemispheres of her brain, traveling instead the length of the left side of her brain, an area that controls speech.

"We're very encouraged by that. We are still in critical condition. Brain swelling at any time can take a turn for the worse," said Michael Lemole, the head neurosurgeon who operated on Giffords.

Giffords, from President Barack Obama's Democratic Party, was meeting con-

stituents outside a Tucson supermarket Saturday when the gunman shot her at point blank range before spraying bullets on the small crowd.

The motivation for the shooting remained unclear. Loughner, a failed army recruit, had filled the Internet with angry and largely incoherent condemnations of the government.

A Loughner profile posted on YouTube listed Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels's "The Communist Manifesto" and Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" among his favorite books.

A witness who helped wrestle Loughner to the ground said it seemed the suspect had come ready to kill even more people because he had two more ammunition clips and a knife in his pockets.

"He was ready for war, he was not playing around," Joe Zamudio told CNN. "He was blank. He was callous, almost."

Oprah Winfrey will be Piers Morgan's first guest on new show



British journalist Piers Morgan officially takes over Larry King's old show on CNN starting January 17, and he's landed Oprah Winfrey as his first guest.

Morgan says he's delighted to be kicking off the show with such a

high-profile guest and believes his interview will be just as good as any other she has previously given.

Piers -- who recorded his interview with Oprah in California earlier this week -- said: "She's a compelling interview. Everyone has interviewed Oprah over the years. Is my interview as good as the ones that have been done before? She thought so. I guarantee you'll enjoy this one."

The former Britain's Got Talent judge -- who was reportedly handed an \$8.4 million deal to front the program -- insisted he only ever had Oprah in mind to be his first guest on the show, which begins on January 17.

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The Office of the Prosecutor is not 'pulling punches' this Carnival



The Office of the Prosecutor and the Police Force are working together again this year to ensure that Carnival 57 proceeds as safely and incident free as possible. They have adopted the 'zero-tolerance' approach and the "Faya-bo-haya" (mess up and you pay) disciplinary method. The Zero Tolerance policy of the Police Force takes effect as of Saturday, January 8th during the 'Fakkellooptocht' (fire torch parade) in Oranjestad; and will remain in effect for the entire Carnival season. Particular emphasis will be placed on the parades, the Carnival elections and on all other Carnival festivities.

Both the Zero Tolerance policy and the Faya-bo-haya disciplinary method were successfully implemented in the 2009 and 2010 Carnival activities. This year again, these measures are designed to ensure that anyone who tries to disrupt our Carnival festivities

will face very stern measures.

The Faya-bo-haya disciplinary measure entails that anyone detained by the police for even relatively simple offenses, such as, violence, destruction, drunkenness, or any other type of infraction, will receive an immediate citation ('boet' as these are called here). This year there is an increase in the citations. In previous years, the citations were between Afls.100 and Afls.1000. If the citation is paid immediately, the case is considered handled. To facilitate payment of the citations, there will be payment swipe machines in two Police dispatches.

If the citation is not paid immediately the offender will be given a summons to appear in Court for the so called 'Carnival hearing,' designed especially for offenders who become guilty of any punishable offense committed during Carnival.

Last year there were 31 citations presented, while a total of 75 persons were arrested. The Court hearings always results in much higher citations. In the event of more serious crimes, such as serious acts of violence and the illegal possession of a firearm, the offender may be put behind bars for the duration of the Carnival season. Just as in previous years, the Office of the Prosecutor strongly disapproves of the excessive use of alcohol during Carnival. It was clear in last year's parades, that as of the start of the Carnival activities, the excessive use of alcohol, especially among the youth, was the main cause of most of the incidents of public disorder and violence. The Office of the Prosecutor is making an urgent plea to our community to limit the use of alcohol as much as possible.

During Carnival, the Office of the Prosecutor will continue her action of trying to collect on overdue unpaid citations. This means that those who may still be in arrears with the payment of a citation, who do not clear their open account, will be collected personally at home. Failure to make immediate payment will result in being put in jail. Payment of citations can be made at the Office of the Prosecutor from Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 11:30am and from 1:00pm to 3:30 pm. Payment can be made in cash or by check. Everyone is advised to pay their citations so as not to miss this year's Carnival.



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Food for Thought

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You mind keeps going back to the times you spent together with the person now gone forever. It is so easy, and perhaps natural, to remain in the memory of the past. But, you should not linger long in those past memories, because that will hinder your progress and stifle your recovery from the grief. Life continues for you, and it demands that you move along, that you press forward.

I know it is sad to walk the path ahead alone, without the person you love next to you.

But, for each of us there is coming a moment when our paths will divide forever.

Try to remember; therefore, that the one who has gone ahead would want you to fix your sight on the sun and on the Son and go forward with courage achieving your lot in life with pride and dignity. So, do press on courageously now!

More winners during Oduber Agencies' Huggies Campaign



Recently "Huggies" gave away the prizes to the babies who took part in their fifth raffle of the campaign which started since July 15, 2010. The prizes for this special campaign varied between different sizes of baskets with Huggies products, child-seats

and Gift Certificates.

To participate in this grand campaign of Huggies is very simple. In exchange for any empty package of Huggies at Comfort Healthcare N.V. you'll receive a coupon to participate and can also receive fabulous discounts on



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The next raffle will be on January 24, 2011.

Oduber Agencies' special offers on their renown line



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Aruba welcomes Carnival 57



Special Athletes lead the Digicel group



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Smith Boulevard beginning at the Valero station on the west end, to finish at Banco di Caribe on the Vondellan.

This first parade has a casual ebullience; participants declare their group affiliation with colorful tee shirts and elaborate millinery. More and more, modern technology is



being deployed by creative groups, resulting in large portable LED displays being used to bring some punch to their presentations.

Majestic Group sported flashing tee shirt designs and a sea of pirate and jester hats lit the night. Every manner of glow cups and flashing beakers were brandished by marchers, ready to be filled with copious amounts of beer.

Noted Carnival musician Claudius Phillips and his group OPC celebrated their fifth anniversary of existence with a fantastical and artistic electronic display. In all likelihood, this was a preview of the innovations that can be expected of the annual Lighting Parade, which will take place at towards the finish of Carnival.

Thousands participated in this first parade, with Digicel mobile providers leading the way with the first and only float of the Torch Parade and Aruba's special athletes, of which they are the principal sponsor.

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Britain parries threat to Queen's head on stamps

LONDON (AFP) — The British government said Sunday it had closed a loophole that could have seen Queen Elizabeth II's head chopped off stamps if the Royal Mail national postal service was sold to a foreign firm.

Ministers have squared the plans with Buckingham Palace and the sovereign's head will be kept on stamps in the future, Postal Services Minister Ed Davey said.

Business Secretary Vince Cable is to unveil the amendments today, the tabloid said.

The previous draft legisla-



tion paving the way for Royal Mail to be privatised did not explicitly spell out that the queen's head should remain on the iconic stamps.

The bill gave Queen Elizabeth a veto over any use of

her image but did not insist that, as per tradition, her head was shown.

Royal Mail chief executive Moya Greene said: "It's unthinkable Royal Mail stamps would not have the image of the monarch so we strongly support any measure that protects that key feature."

The monarch's head, facing left, has appeared on British adhesive postage stamps since their invention with the 1840 "Penny Black", featuring queen Victoria.

In a bid to secure its future as Britons increasingly use email instead of sending letters, the cash-strapped government wants to sell off Royal Mail to give it an injection of private sector capital.

German and Dutch firms are thought to be among the front-runners to buy the service, The Mail on Sunday reported.

The British stamps are the only ones in the world that do not carry the country's name -- just the portrait of the sovereign.

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Indonesia threat over Black-Berry porn sparks anger

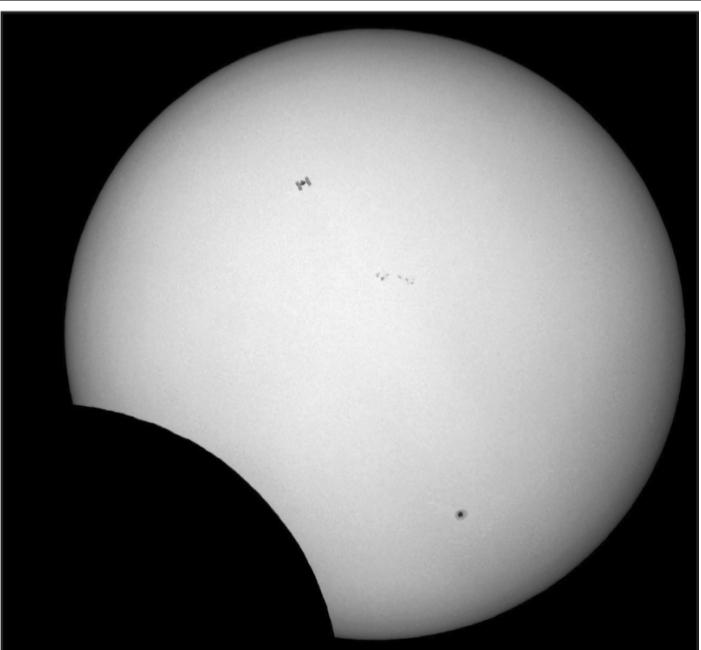
JAKARTA (AFP) – A threat by Indonesia to curb BlackBerry smartphone services unless the company filters pornographic sites prompted a wave of angry protests online on Sunday.

The row is the latest in a series of controversies that BlackBerry maker Research in Motion (RIM) has found itself in, as a number of gov-

ernments have complained about difficulties monitoring communications via the smartphones.

Communications and Information Technology Minister Tifatul Sembiring has given RIM a two-week deadline to block access or risk restrictions being imposed, according to local reports.

A partial solar eclipse



eye on all three bodies. The disk of the Sun is partly obscured on the lower left, as the Moon is 20 minutes past the maximum eclipse. The partial solar eclipse was the first of four in 2011, with others coming on June 1, July 1, and November 25. Eclipses occur when the new Moon passes in the line between Sun and Earth. Because the Moon's orbit is inclined about 5 degrees to Earth's, the Moon and its shadow often pass above or below the plane of the Earth. Because both orbits are elliptical, the size and shape of eclipses changes slightly with each event.

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From bathroom to bedroom, homes getting 'smart'

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) – Mobile phones aren't the only things getting smart. Home appliances are too.

On display at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) here along with the latest smartphones and touchscreen tablet computers were ovens, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators and other products for the "connected" home.

South Korea's LG Electronics displayed its "ThinQ" home appliances which are connected to a home Wi-Fi network and can be controlled by a smartphone or a computer.



They include washing machines that can be instructed from the office to run at the most cost-effective times and a camera-equipped robot vacuum cleaner, the Hom-Bot, which can be instructed remotely to clean the floor.

The camera embedded in the robot can also be used to keep an eye on the house while the owner is away.

Also from LG Electronics are refrigerators with touch-screen LCD displays that let users keep tabs on where items are located in the refrigerator and when they expire.

An owner can access the information while shopping via a smartphone and check whether they have enough milk or orange juice, for example.

In case of a problem such as a door left open, the LG refrigerator can send an alert to an owner's smartphone or computer.

Tom deSalvo, a spokesman for Kenmore, the appliance brand of retail titan Sears, said the company is researching the possibilities of being able to turn an oven or a clothes dryer on or off using a smartphone.

Safety questions have not made this a reality yet, he said, but as of next year, the temperature of a Kenmore oven, for example, can be regulated from a distance using a smartphone.

US home appliance giant

General Electric is making its first appearance at CES to show off its home energy management solutions including "Nucleus," which gives consumers information about electricity consumption.

Nucleus, which is expected to be available later this year, works with smart meters, smart appliances, programmable thermostats and software applications to help homeowners monitor their usage and reduce their electricity bills.

Joseph McGuire, the president of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, said US government energy standards -- and tax credits for energy efficient appliances -- were a big driver for innovation in the sector.

Ultimately, though, it's consumers who will decide, he said, with the ability to cut down on electricity bills a prime motivating factor.

It's not just the standard household items such as washers and dryers which are taking advantage of the latest technology, other products on display here are too.

Cedric Hutchings, co-founder of Withings, a French start-up showing off a baby monitor, a blood pressure monitor and other products at CES, said smart devices are opening up all kinds of new possibilities for the home.

The Withings baby monitor features a camera equipped with night vision that can send pictures and audio to an iPhone or any other device with a connected screen.

A microphone allows parents to talk to the child from another room and they can set alarms to be awoken if a baby's sleep is disrupted.



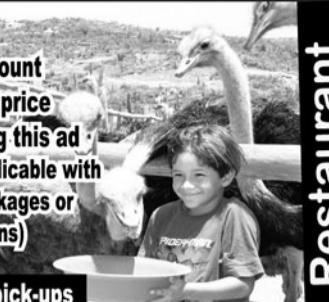
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US urges less fluoride in water supply

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The US government recommended that the level of fluoride in the public drinking supply be lowered to avoid dental problems due to overexposure.

Once ranked among the greatest public health achievements of the last century, fluoridation of water is less needed now because many Americans get plenty from toothpaste and mouthwash, said the Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency in a joint statement.

"Today both HHS and EPA are making announcements on fluoride based on the most up to date scientific data," said EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water Peter Silva.

"EPA's new analysis will

help us make sure that people benefit from tooth decay prevention while at the same time avoiding the unwanted health effects from too much fluoride."

The agencies noted that adding fluoride to water and toothpaste has resulted in a "significant decline in tooth decay in the US over the past several decades."

However, "Americans have access to more sources of fluoride than they did when water fluoridation was first introduced in the United States in the 1940s."

The new recommendations will call for adding just 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water to water supplies, the lower end of the current range of 0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter.

Eating carrots 'makes you more attractive': study



LONDON, England (AFP) – Eating strongly coloured vegetables and fruit such as carrots and plums makes people more attractive, according to a new British study.

Researchers at St Andrews and Bristol universities studied the relationship between skin colour and attractiveness, and found people with a yellow skin hue were perceived as particularly healthy and attractive, the Grocer magazine reported.

They also established for the first time that yellow pigments, or carotenoids, from certain fruit and vegetables played a key role in producing yellowness in skin.

As part of the study, 40 volunteers rated 51 Scottish Caucasian faces for healthiness

and attractiveness.

The results will be published in the journal Evolution and Human Behaviour in March, the magazine said.

Ian Stephen, one of the scientists involved in the project, said the link between yellowness and carotenoids opened up new strategies for encouraging young people to eat more fruit and vegetables, especially as it took just two months of increased consumption to produce visible results.

He told the Grocer: "Telling people they might have a heart attack in 40 years' time if they don't eat more healthily is one thing. What we can do is say, 'This is what you could look in a couple of months if you increased your fruit and veg intake'."

Ecuador Congress makes organ donations automatic



QUITO, Ecuador (AFP) – Ecuador's legislature has passed a bill that makes organ

donations for transplant automatic at death unless a prospective donor has specifically requested otherwise.

The measure was passed by a vote of 111 to 124.

All Ecuadorans and foreigners legally residing in Ecuador who are 18 years of age or older would automatically donate their organs, tissue and human cells after death unless they indicate otherwise on their identity documents.

Those who choose not to

become donors will not be discriminated against and their decision cannot be publicized, according to the bill.

If it is signed into law as expected by President Rafael Correa, the move will become mandatory for all health systems in Ecuador. It also allows Ecuadorans living abroad to request to be added on a waiting list for a transplant.

Foreign organ donations are prohibited under the measure.

Chilean scientists seek alcoholism vaccine

SANTIAGO, Chile (AFP) – Chilean researchers said this week they are developing a vaccine against alcoholism that could be tested on humans starting next year and works by neutralizing an enzyme that metabolizes alcohol. The genetic therapy is based on aldehyde dehydrogenase, a group of enzymes that metabolize alcohol and are thus responsible for alcohol tolerance, said Juan Asenjo, who heads a team of researchers at Chile's Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics and the private lab Recalcine.

About 20 percent of the Asian population lacks this enzyme and thus experience "such a strong reaction that it discourages consumption," he added.

The vaccine would similarly increase unease, nausea and tachycardia (accelerated heart beat).

"With the vaccine, the desire to consume alcohol will be greatly reduced thanks to these reactions," Asenjo told Radio Cooperativa.

Researchers have already successfully tested the vaccine on rats who were dependent on alcohol, and got them to halve their consumption.

"The idea is to have 90-95 percent reduction of consumption for humans," Asenjo said.

It would work like patches or pills that help smokers kick the habit, but with better efficiency by specifically targeting liver cells and avoiding collateral effects on all cells.

This year, researchers plan to focus on mass production of virus cells and conduct tests on



animals to determine proper dosage before launching human tests in 2012.

In October, US researchers announced they had discovered a gene variation known as CYP2E1 that can protect against alcoholism and could lead to a preventative treatment.

The gene variant known as CYP2E1 is linked to people's response to alcohol, and for 10 to 20 percent of people who have it, just a few glasses leads

them to feeling more drunk than the rest of the population, said University of North Carolina researchers at the Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

This CYP2E1 gene -- located in the brain, not the liver -- has long been known to hold an enzyme for metabolizing alcohol, and generates molecules known as free radicals. But a specific variant of the gene makes people more sensitive to alcohol, according to University of North Carolina researchers.

Drugs that can be created to induce the CYP2E1 gene could eventually make people more sensitive to alcohol or help sober them up if they have had too much, according to that research team.



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Our investigative team from THE MORNING NEWS went down to have a look at this latest venture, and we found just the kind of authentically tranquil, Caribbean ambiance vacationers seek when visiting

Aruba. New owner Hans and his GM Paul have completely renovated and redesigned the venue to fully showcase this charming location while providing a very reasonably priced menu and bar.

November is the month to get acquainted with Nikky Beach as they are offering an introductory dinner special of only \$15 for a three-course meal or a different Entrée de Jour each day of the week for only \$10. This is available from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m., so you can finish up an afternoon spent on the beach, catch a meal after a dive with the ad-

jacent SCUBA shop, or savor your supper along with one of the most spectacular locations to watch our amazing Aruban sunsets.

Jan and Paul have dubbed Sunday's at Nikky Beach "Rehab Day," when they provide a particularly pleasant ambiance with popular local and international DJ's from noon on and \$3 Mimosas all day long. During the traditional Happy Hour time slot, they feature live music with top local groups specializing in the soft sound of the islands.

Some extremely interesting items on the menu captured



our interest along with very moderate prices; aside from the November special you can expect an a la carte tab that will add to your enjoyment. Their chef offers an extensive fusion selection that reveals expertise in several notable cuisines; a nice variety that will please everyone's mood. For lunch and snacking you find a varied choice of classic salads, favorite local treats, pastas and gourmet sandwiches. Kitchen is open from 10:00 am. to 10:00 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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Kardashians sued for \$75M for breaking Kardashian Kard Contract



The Kardashian Kard has caused all sorts of headaches for Kim K and co., and the troubles far from over, it seems. TMZ reports the gals are being sued for no small chunk of change (\$75 million is a lot, even for the famous family) for pulling out of the prepaid debit card deal a few months back after reports surfaced that the card carried tons of hidden, and possibly illegal, fees.

Apparently the Revenue Resource Group, LLC filed a lawsuit in Fresno, Calif., claiming the gals breached their contract by pulling the

MasterCard-approved prepaid debit card deal.

At the time, the Kardashians said they had no idea the card was laden with tons of fees until the Attorney General of Connecticut opened an investigation.

That doesn't seem to matter much to the Revenue Resource Group, which claims the sisters should have honored their 2-year contract. Now, the group is reportedly facing some pretty bad publicity -- and they want \$75 million in damages.

So far, none of the Kardashians have commented.



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A face lift for the Aruba Tourism Authority 'New ATA' starts off with a bang: a team building retreat



The 'New ATA', the rejuvenated, trimmed down, privatized tourism authority of the island, has started off with a bang: a retreat for all ATA staffers and management at The Old Man and the Sea in Savaneta. A bit hesitant and wary on their first day at work in their new job, the ice was soon broken and a totally new, vibrant spirit invaded the group. Lots of laughter and an

The retreat for the down-sized ATA staff was hosted by Healing Well Formulas, of Petra van den Berg, life coach and expert in the field of mind, body, life and awareness in combination with Siouxsie Kock, who is specialized in Heart-centered Leadership and Education. The retreat was about renewed relationships, awareness, visualization, communication, self-worthiness,



enthusiastic response to the lectures and exercises were the result. New director of 'the New ATA', as she calls it, Ronella Croes, is very positive and full of energy to start anew: "Our first priority is to organize ATA, fine-tune the 2011 marketing plans and see to the long-term plans for sustainable development and protection of the 'product Aruba'."

team building, leadership and forgiving as well as seeking balance; the topics were focused upon via exercises and lectures.

"This is a new start for everybody - ATA is now also incorporating the Cruise Tourism office, there are a few new faces in top positions and we are getting to know each other again," explains Ronella, whose staff is made

up of 36 local and 20 international ATA staffers.

The privatizing process entailed a recruitment period which was open to everyone. More than 500 persons applied for the variety of available jobs. Many of the former ATA

employees were chosen for the New ATA: 30 of the 36 available jobs went to them. "I view this new start as a unique chance," remarks Ronella, whose six years as director of Bonaire's tourism office stands her in good stead. To-

gether with Sanju Daryanani-Luidens (Chief Marketing Officer) and Dylan Callister (Chief Financial Officer) she is tackling this transition period with verve. Blessed by a pastor, the new ATA is off to a good start!



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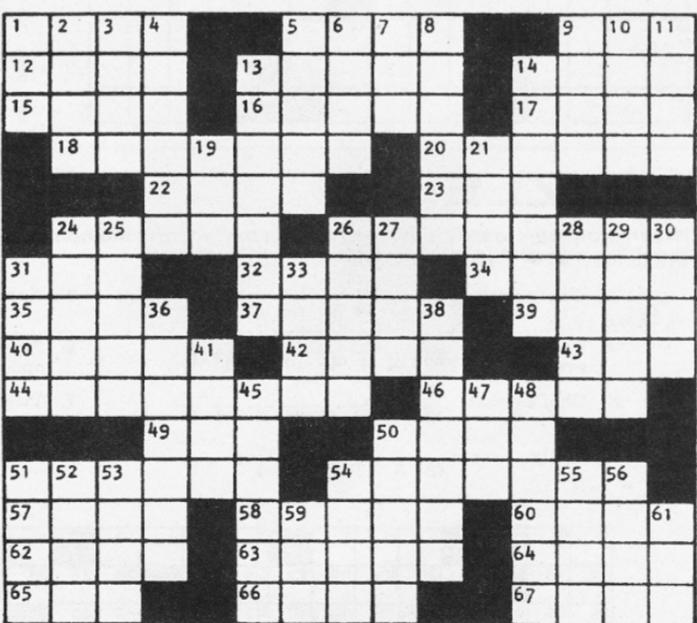
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- "The Primrose ____" (1940 film)
- Actor Arnold ____
- Touch lightly
- Medicinal plant
- Singer Shore
- "David and ____" (1963 film)
- Actress Turner
- 1960 John Wayne film, with "The"
- Govt. org. est. 1953
- "____ Sunday" (1960 film): 2 wds.
- Spanky or Alfalfa
- Rabbit ____
- Urge in Inverness
- Actor Richard
- "____ Forward" (1943 film): 2 wds.
- "____ on the Beat" (1975 Lloyd Bridges TV-film)
- Actor Harrison
- Flare or energy
- Ed of "Daniel Boone"
- "The Big ____" (1946 film)
- Ms. Stevens of "Going My Way"
- Uncle Miltie
- Joel of "Cabaret"
- Pet doc
- "I'll Build a ____ to Paradise" ("An American in Paris")
- "The Big ____" (1952 Kirk Douglas film)
- Ms. Zadora of "Butterfly"
- Singe
- "Magic ____" (1971 TV-movie)
- "April ____" (1948 film)
- Film critic James
- Actress Burstyn
- "____ Fear" (1962 film)
- "The ____ Hunter" (1979 film)
- 1977 TV mini-series
- 1948 Dennis O'Keefe film: hyph.
- Byrnes a.k.a. Kookie
- Hallowed Fr. women
- Ms. Thompson of "Family"

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- "____ Can Wait" (1943 film)
- Director Forman
- "____ Island with You" (1948 film): 2 wds.
- Glenn Ford TV role, with 51 Down
- "To the ____ of Tripoli" (1942 film)
- Kind of jockey
- Orient
- False god
- Actor James et al.
- "____ Life" (1956 film): 2 wds.
- "You Are What You ____" (1968 film)
- Garfunkel and Carney
- Celestial streaker
- "A Night at the ____" (1935 film)
- Actor Wallace
- Gen. Robt. ____: 2 wds.
- Shelley in "Popeye"
- Stops on the road to Morocco?
- Weight allowance
- Props on "Taxi"
- Actress San Juan
- "The Glass ____" (1955 film)
- "Monty ____ Flying Circus"
- New York State canal
- Actress Ethel
- "____ Wind in Eden" (1958 film)
- Puts up
- Huntley and Lemon
- See 7 Down
- Ripened
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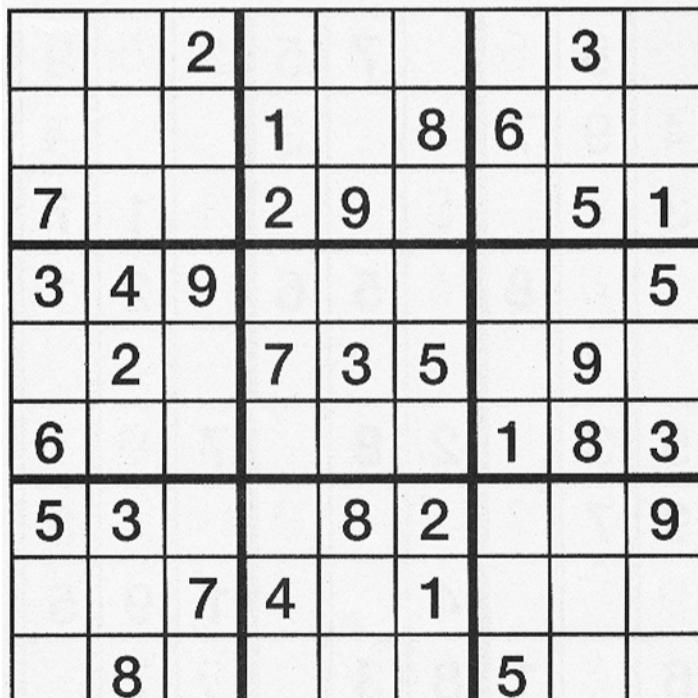
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World Bank chief set to laud India

WASHINGTON (AFP) – World Bank President Robert Zoellick opens a four-day visit to India this week where he was expected to laud the efforts by the big emerging country on its growing role in the global economy. "India's return to high levels of growth is helping the global economy recover from the crisis," said Zoellick in a statement from Washington. He said the World Bank supported India's "strategy of boosting growth while helping the most vulnerable people be able to seize the opportunities afforded by an expanding economy."

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Protests as Bangladesh shares suffer record fall

DHAKA (AFP) – Hundreds of investors held demonstrations in cities across Bangladesh after the country's main stock exchange plunged nearly eight percent in its steepest ever daily fall. The benchmark Dhaka Stock Exchange general index (DGEN) lost 600 points or 7.76 percent to close at 7135.02 as panic gripped investors who have enjoyed massive gains over the last two years. Local police chief Tofazzal Hossain said at least 300 investors chanted slogans near the stock exchange building in the capital Dhaka. Week-end loss was the highest in the DSE's more than 50-year history, with dealers saying corrections are long overdue.

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Prices rise as ECB stares into eurozone divide

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) – Inflation is on the rise as the European Central Bank tries to deal with diverging eurozone economic trends and China positions itself as a potential friend for indebted governments. The ECB has been battling solvency crises in peripheral eurozone countries and supplying commercial banks with cash to ensure lending to the 17-nation economy but must now consider again its primary mandate: price stability. Climbing energy and food prices indicate inflation can no longer be considered a back-burner issue, complicating the ECB's task as it works to help banks strengthen their reserves and capitals to solidify

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UN warns record food prices put millions at risk



ROME, Italy (AFP) – The United Nations warned that millions of people are at risk after global food prices hit their highest level ever, as clashes over rising prices erupted in Algeria this week.

Surging prices for cooking oil, cereal and sugar in particular, "will affect millions of people," Abdolreza Abbassian, an economist at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation

(FAO) in Rome, told AFP.

The FAO's food price index, an average of monthly price changes for meat, dairy, cereals, oil and sugar, hit 214.7 points in December -- the highest level since the index began in 1990.

The December level tops the peak of 213.5 in June 2008.

Price highs at the time provoked a food crisis and riots in a number of African countries, as well as in Haiti and the Philippines, and aid agencies fear the latest price rises could spark further violence.

In Algeria this week, demonstrators and security forces clashed in the capital and other towns in protests against a spike in the costs of basic food items by 20 to 30 percent this month.

The global price index for sugar in December rose to a

Economic fears as Belgium beats European record

BRUSSELS (AFP) – Belgium took the record for Europe's longest political crisis weekend as it hit 209 days without a government, amid mounting concern among business chiefs over the effects on its economy.

As the divided country surpassed previous record-holder the Netherlands, where politicians haggled 208 days before striking a deal in 1977, Belgium's top business leaders raised alarm bells about the crisis in newspaper Le Soir.

Billionaire investor Albert Frere, a leading shareholder in energy groups Total and GDF Suez, said he was "appalled by this chaotic situation which could have long-lasting effects on the Belgian economy."

"The markets will be merciless if the country does not emerge promptly from this unprecedented hell," he said.

Belgian politicians have been deadlocked over the formation of a new government for nearly seven months and the political crisis deepened Thursday when a mediator appointed by the king threw in the towel in exasperation.

Johan Vande Lanotte tendered his resignation to Albert II a day after the country's



powerful Flemish separatists refused to discuss a plan to give the country's Dutch- and French-speaking regions more power.

The plan was offered to seven political parties as a basis for setting up a coalition government after June 13 elections failed to produce an outright winner.

Albert II will announce whether he will accept Vande Lanotte's resignation or not. He could decide to name a new go-between or widen the list of parties involved in the negotiations.

While a caretaker cabinet is keeping the state running, fears are mounting of looming economic strife.

"It is now that we must... choose definitive solutions," Luc De Bruyckere, the head of the Flemish industries associa-

record high of 398.4, up from 373.4 in November. The price of cereals also rose over the same period to 237.6 points, the highest level since August 2008.

"Rising prices are re-emerging as a threat to global growth and social stability," Robert Zoellick, president of the World Bank, wrote in a commentary for the Financial Times.

Zoellick also stressed the importance of improving "long-range weather forecasting and monitoring, especially in Africa."

The FAO's November Food Outlook report blamed rising food prices on unexpected shortfalls due to bad weather, aggravated by policy responses from some exporting countries, which had seen a knock-on effect on the market.

tion, said in Le Soir.

"If we do not do it ourselves, we will in the end be forced to by international market pressures," he said.

Others however warned against forming a new government too quickly.

"Belgium has a government that manages day-to-day affairs in an efficient manner," said Herman Daems, the chairman of the board at BNP Paribas Fortis.

"It would be better to take a bit more time to reach a good agreement rather than to favour a crisis government," which would send "a bad signal to the markets," Daems said.

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Man bids to turn aircraft carrier into school

HONG KONG, China (AFP) — A Hong Kong businessman has offered to pay about \$7.7 million for the British aircraft carrier HMS Invincible so he can turn it into an international school in China, a report said.

The South China Morning Post reported that Lam Kin-bong made the bid at an online auction for the decommissioned ship, which played a key role in the 1982 Falkland Islands conflict between Argentina and Britain.

Lam, who operates the popular Wing Wah chain of Chinese restaurants in Britain, offered to pay five million pounds (\$7.7 million) in the auction, which stopped taking bids, the paper said.

If he wins the auction, Lam plans to tow the 22,000-tonne Invincible to the southern Chinese city of Zhuhai, near Hong Kong and Macau, and turn it into a school "to help foster communication and cultural ties between China and Britain", the report said.

Lam could not be reached



Once a proud member of the British Naval Fleet, the decommissioned HMS Invincible

for comment.

The entrepreneur told the Post that he had no plans to use the ship for military purposes, amid US concerns about Beijing's military build-up.

"My intentions-- are purely commercial and have nothing to do with the military," Lam was quoted as saying.

Lam said another option is to berth the vessel in the Eng-

lish city of Liverpool and turn it into "a school to boost the understanding of China and the Chinese in Britain".

A British defence ministry spokeswoman told the Post that the vessel would be stripped of all its components.

"In effect, whoever buys equipment like this is buying a shell", she added.

Peter Andre named UK's 'hardest-working' singer



LONDON, England (AFP) — Peter Andre has been named as Britain's hardest working singer for performing live to more fans last year than any other entertainer.

Andre sang to almost 100,000 fans during 38 arena concerts on his Revelation tour in 2010, beating previous winners Status Quo.

The veteran rockers took second place in the list compiled by the Performing Rights Society (PRS).

JLS came third in the annual chart, with Westlife and Rod Stewart completing last year's top five.

The singing career of

in 1995 but its re-release following his 2004 appearance on ITV1's I'm A Celebrity saw it reach the top spot.

Four of his albums and 10 of his singles have made the top 10.

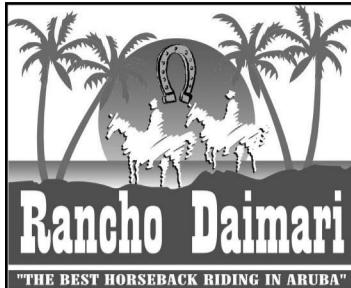
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"Nothing beats performing live. Performing in front of thousands of fans is my ultimate experience so I'm delighted to get this recognition from PRS for Music," said Andre, who comes from a Greek Cypriot family and has a home in Cyprus.

Andre performed the most concerts at arena venues. Last year he played to fans across the UK, including concerts at London's o2 and the Manchester Evening News Arena.

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Ronaldo hat-trick seals Madrid comeback win



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo reacts after scoring a goal

MADRID (AFP) - Cristiano Ronaldo scored a sensational hat-trick as Real Madrid twice came from behind to defeat Villarreal 4-2 on Sunday to maintain their perfect home record and close to within two points of leaders Barcelona.

Portuguese star Ronaldo took his season's tally to 22 league goals with strikes in the eighth, 44th and 78th minutes after third-place Villarreal had threatened an upset after twice going in front in a pulsating first half at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Barcelona's 4-0 win over Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday had put the pressure on Real to respond.

Villarreal twice took the lead only for Ronaldo to pull Real back into the game with his 20th and 21st league goals of the season to cancel out goals from Ruben Cani, after six minutes, and Marco Ruben in the 17th.

In the second half, Ronaldo again took centre stage putting Real ahead in the 78th minute after a mis-

take from goalkeeper Diego Lopez before Brazilian substitute Kaka celebrated his return to fitness with his first league goal of the season minutes later.

Real coach Jose Mourinho celebrated wildly on the touchline to the anger of the Villarreal dug-out and the visitors' coach Juan Carlos Garrido was sent off for protesting.

Real now turn their attention to Thursday's Kings Cup quarter-final first leg clash against city rivals Atletico Madrid at the Bernabeu, while Villarreal, now 11 points behind Real in third, face Sevilla in their last eight cup clash on Wednesday.

Villarreal were without Brazilian top-scorer Nilmar but made a promising start and took a shock sixth minute lead thanks to a fine goal from Cani.

Italian striker Giuseppe Rossi created the goal with a neat turn and pass to release the winger who showed great composure to chip the ball over the advancing Iker Casillas.

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Sweden's Robin Soderling wins ATP Brisbane International



BRISBANE, Australia (AFP) - Sweden's Robin Soderling won the Brisbane International when he beat American Andy Roddick 6-3, 7-5 at the Queensland Tennis Centre.

In a brilliant exhibition of

Cubs acquire Garza in trade with Rays

CHICAGO (AFP) - The Chicago Cubs acquired pitcher Matt Garza from the Tampa Bay Rays in an eight-player trade on Saturday.

The right-handed Garza won 15 games last season and threw a no-hitter against Detroit. He finished with an ERA of 3.91 and had 10 losses.

Garza started with the Rays three years ago after spending his first two seasons of Major League Baseball with the Minnesota Twins.

Garza joins the Cubs along with outfielder Fernando Perez and pitcher Zachary Rosscup.

Tampa receives two Cubs' top prospects: right-hander Chris Archer and shortstop Lee Hak-ju of South Korea.

Also going from Chicago to Tampa Bay are catcher Robinson Chirinos and outfielders Sam Fuld and Brandon Guyer.

firmly on the back foot.

Roddick was taken to deuce in his first service game and was then broken in his second, and while his serve picked up after that the damage was already done as Soderling claimed the first set in 35 minutes.

In contrast to the American, Soderling was serving beautifully and lost only three points on serve in the first set and nine in the match.

He started the second set the way he did the first, holding his own serve with ease while putting enormous pressure on Roddick.

Roddick almost cracked in the fifth game when Soderling had three break points, but the American dug deep to save the game.

But despite showing incredible fighting spirit, Roddick eventually gave Soderling one chance too many and the Swede broke in the 11th game to go into a 6-5 lead.

Soderling showed no signs of nerves as he served for the match, aptly blasting down his 16th ace to clinch victory in one hour 35 minutes.

Penguins captain Crosby suffers head injury

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania (AFP) - Superstar Sidney Crosby will have to put his bid to win the National Hockey League's scoring title on hold for at least a few more days.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain suffered a concussion in the league's recent outdoor contest when he was hit in the head by a Washington Capitals player.

Crosby missed his second consecutive game Saturday when the Penguins faced Minnesota. He is also expected to skip Monday's game against Boston and Wednesday against Montreal.

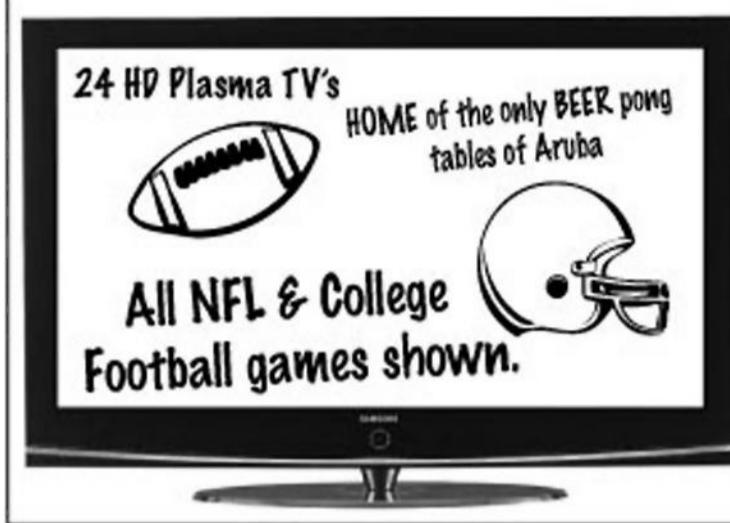
Crosby was injured when he was blindsided by Capitals forward David Steckel when he wasn't looking. Television replays showed Crosby didn't have the puck and he never

saw Steckel coming at him. Despite the severity of the head shot there was no penalty called on the play.

"You're hit a lot in hockey, and you have neck soreness. That's pretty typical," Crosby said Saturday. "Wednesday when it started to get more in my head and I felt a little off, that's when I saw the red flag."

Crosby finished that Capitals' game and flew to Montreal with the team that night. When his condition did not improve, he returned to Pittsburgh to consult doctors.

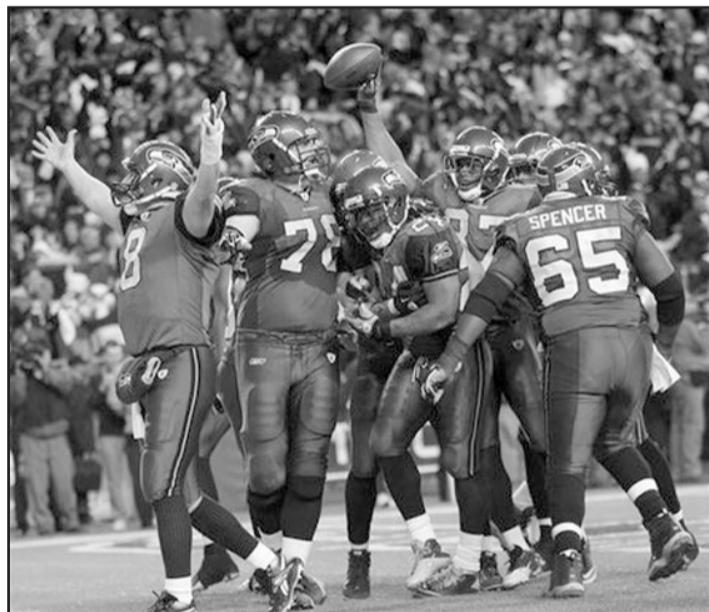
Crosby, who was Canada's hero in the gold medal game of the Vancouver Olympic hockey tournament, has only one point since December 28. He leads the NHL with 32 goals and 66 points.



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Seahawks win NFL playoff shocker, Jets edge Colts



SEATTLE, Washington (AFP) - Matt Hasselbeck passed for 272 yards and four touchdowns and Marshawn Lynch scampered 67 yards for a touchdown as the Seattle Seahawks upset defending Super Bowl champs New Orleans 41-36.

The Seahawks rallied from an early deficit to score 17 consecutive points in the first half of Saturday's NFC wild card playoff game at Qwest Field.

"We felt something special all week and today was a heck of a start for us," Hasselbeck said.

The opening round playoff win comes one week after Seattle became the National

Football League's first division winner with a losing record. The Seahawks won the NFC West this season with just seven wins and nine regular season losses.

"I feel pretty calm right now," said Seattle coach Pete Carroll. "We expected to win and in fact it happened. I know it sounds crazy."

In the late game, LaDainian Tomlinson scored two touchdowns and Nick Folk kicked the game-winning field goal on the final play as the New York Jets edged Indianapolis 17-16 to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

The Seahawks held a 34-

20 lead early in the final quarter before Saints quarterback Drew Brees looked ready to lead the Saints in a comeback.

But Lynch helped dash their hopes by breaking a half dozen tackles on a long run before scoring a touchdown with 3:22 left.

"I assume people are going to say it was more about what the Saints didn't do and not what we did, or that the Saints lost the game, not us winning it," Seattle wide receiver Mike Williams said.

"Whatever is said it doesn't matter. What matters is the direction our team is in and the focus the guys have in the locker room."

Late in the game, Brees led the Saints on a 70-yard drive, throwing a six-yard touchdown pass to Devery Henderson. But the Saints failed to score on the two-point attempt and then bungled an attempted on side kick.

Brees finished 39-of-60 for 404 yards and two touchdowns for New Orleans, who earned a wild card berth with their 11-5 record, but were forced to travel to Seattle despite their superior record.

The Seahawks will travel to play next weekend against either Atlanta or Chicago while the Jets have the difficult task of facing top-seeded New England next Sunday.

Folk kicked a 32-yard field goal with three seconds left, lifting the Jets to a dramatic victory over the Colts in an see-saw contest.

"I tell you it feels awesome," Jets coach Rex Ryan said. "We are moving on. Our offence had to pick up the defence. It was a dogfight. What an amazing feeling."

"We totally dominated the second half offensively and on defence we had to hold

serve."

The Jets got a measure of revenge against the Colts who beat them in the conference title game last year.

Peyton Manning and the Colts appeared to be headed for a win Saturday when the wheels fell off the team bus.

Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri booted a 50-yard field goal with 53 seconds left, giving Indianapolis the lead.

Speedster Antonio Cromartie returned the kickoff 47

yards and then Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez led his troops on a five-play, 40-yard march down the field.

Braylon Edwards jumped high to snare an 18-yard catch along the sidelines to move the ball to the 14, and the Jets called a timeout with three seconds setting the stage for Folk's winning kick.

"It is emotional. Exciting," said Tomlinson. "No one believe in us but we believed in ourselves. We are so happy to move on."



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British Open champion Oosthuizen wins again

EAST LONDON (AFP) - British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen holed a birdie putt on the first hole of a sudden-death play-off here on Sunday and added the Africa Open to his trophy collection.

While Oosthuizen sank a nine-footer for a three after a tee shot that took a lucky bounce after appearing destined for rough at the par-four 18th, Spaniard Manuel Quiros and Englishman Chris Wood had to settle for pars.

Oosthuizen (70), Quiros (69) and Wood (68) completed their four rounds on 16-under 276 at East London Golf Club as the absence of



wind from the final 18 holes made scoring conditions favourable.

Success was particularly sweet for world number 21

Oosthuizen, who has endured some bad luck since rocking the golf world last July with a seven-stroke British Open triumph at St Andrews.

After injuring his ankle while hunting, he finished last at the invitation Sun City Challenge last month and missed the Alfred Dunhill Championship cut a week later.

But a third-place finish at the pre-Christmas South African Open in Durban despite battling to drop birdie putts signalled that a recovery was imminent and he was a deserved and popular winner in this Eastern Cape city.

Van Wyk upstages millionaires, but India win

DURBAN (AFP) - Late replacement Morne van Wyk upstaged the millionaires of the Indian Premier League but couldn't stop India beating South Africa by 21 runs in a one-off Twenty20 international at the Moses Mabhida Stadium on Sunday.

Van Wyk hit the fastest half-century by a South African in a 20-overs international but when he was out for 67 his team-mates subsided on a low, slow pitch.

India, spurred by an innings of 53 off 34 balls by Rohit Sharma, made 168 for six. South Africa, with black

icon Makyaha Ntini playing his last international, could only manage 147 for nine.

On the weekend of the IPL auction, when the lowest-priced Indian player was signed up for 700,000 dollars and several of his South African teammates attracted substantial bids, Van Wyk was the only South African to master the pitch and the Indian bowlers.

Van Wyk went to his half-century off 24 balls. He hit five sixes and five fours before being caught at deep square leg for 67, made off 39 deliveries.

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